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                  **SHALABY, Shalaby Wahba** :

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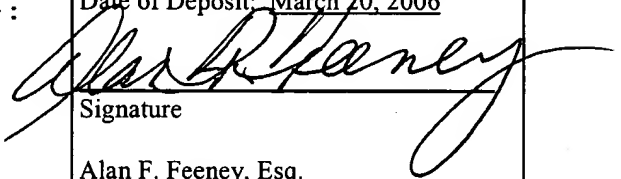
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2005 ("instant Office Action"). The period for response has been extended to March 20, 2006 pursuant to the petition for a three month extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), together with the requisite fee, submitted concurrently with this response. Claims pending in the application are listed on pages 2-13 of this paper.

Applicants Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

The present amendments follow the revised format procedure mandated under 37 C.F.R. §1.121 effective July 30, 2003.